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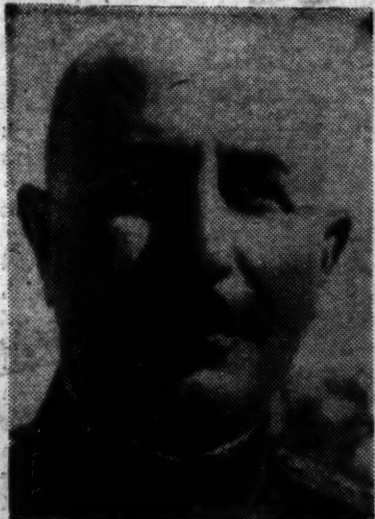
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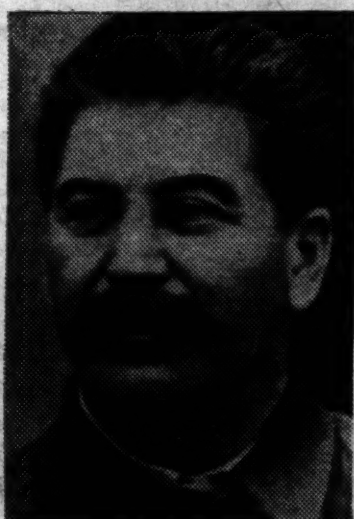
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the Vistula River.

LONDON, July 27 (UP).—In the most triumphant day of three years of war on the Soviet-German Front, the massive might of the Red Army today overwhelmed six great Nazi bases along a blazing 1,000 - mile front as history's greatest offensive crumbled the whole structure of German defenses in the east.

The great Nazi strongholds of Lvov, Belostok and Stanislavov fell to the conquering Red Armies on the Central and Southern Fronts, and at the same time, Soviet troops, achieving a sensational breakthrough in the Baltic states, took Dvinsk and Rezekne in Latvia and Siauliai, in Lithuania.

31 MILES TO WARSAW

Soviet troops, advancing 24 miles in 24 hours, captured Garvolin, 31 miles south-east of Warsaw, Moscow also announced.

In the cluster of brilliant victories that spelled impending doom for the beaten and staggering Germans, the fall of Siauliai was probably the most important. By seizing the city, Soviet troops cut the Riga-Kaunas railroads, severing the main rail-road escape routes to East Prussia for an estimated 30-odd German divisions to the north.

As Soviet forces reportedly swept to within 37 miles of Warsaw, the six great victories were announced in a record five orders of the day issued by Marshal Joseph Stalin—successes that echoed in Moscow with the continuous roar of cannon firing a deafening salute throughout the night.

The triumphs, scored as an estimated 2,500,000 Soviet troops smashed on toward Berlin, came as unconfirmed reports said the Russians had crossed the famous Vistula

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Negroes Vote in Arkansas; Denied in S. C.

By EUGENE GORDON

E. S. Hubble, secretary of the Negro Democratic Voters League, Little Rock, Ark., told the Daily Worker by phone yesterday that registered Negro citizens had voted throughout Arkansas in the primaries last Tuesday. Nobody had been molested, he said.

John H. McCray, editor and pub-

lisher of the Lighthouse and Informer, Columbia, S. C., on the other hand, speaking by phone, said that "10 or 12 Negro registrants" in Columbia proper tried to vote in Tuesday's primaries, but failed.

"Our greatest difficulty was trying to register the Negroes for voting in the first place," Hubble said. "After that they had to hurdle the

obstacle of the polltax."

He conceded that in some places outside Little Rock some opposition to Negroes voting may have arisen, but he had not heard of it. He thought that if there was any opposition it was scattered and weak. He agreed that the "white primary," as a result of the U. S. Supreme Court opinion in the Texas case

early this spring, is being undermined through the South.

McCray, member of the Progressive Democratic Party of South Carolina and among its delegates to the national convention at Chicago last week, said 27 Negroes had been enrolled as voters in Columbia. These names had been removed, however, thus allowing election offi-

cials to assert, when a Negro asked for a ballot, that his name was not on the list.

"We expected that to happen," McCray said, "and have prepared and turned over to our attorney several affidavits showing we were denied our citizenship rights."

McCray agreed with Hubble that the "white primary" is on the way out.

Pelley Wrote: 'Sure Of Wheeler' in Army Plot, Trial Is Told

By ART SHIELDS

WASHINGTON, July 27.—"I am fairly sure of the allegiance of Burt Wheeler and, to a degree, Gerald Nye," said William Dudley Pelley, chief of the fascist Silver Shirts, in a letter written April 23, 1941, to Major General George van Horn Moseley, retired. The letter was introduced in the Nazi plot trial today.

Pelley was discussing a conspiracy against the government then reaching its climax—a conspiracy in which he expected the profascist general to take a leading part.

Pelley had known General Moseley since a secret fascist conference in Kansas City in August, 1937, had offered him the All-American Führership, and in this letter, seized in an FBI raid in April, 1942, the Silver Shirt chief refers to the "cordial note" he had just received from the retired general.

"The chief" told the general that "it will be absolutely necessary for me to have a conference with you at an early date on something very definite that is maturing as Britain stumbles and staggers toward her downfall."

Pelley said that he was in "the closest contact" with Henry Ford at that critical period.

The Silver Shirt leader said he had just obtained information "of so colossal a character that I feel that it should be shared by at least four other men beside myself, namely: Henry Ford, Colonel Lindbergh, Sen. Wheeler and yourself."

This information, he said, could only be given by "word of mouth." Pelley added that he and Zachary (his lieutenant Roy Zachary), who publicly urged President Roosevelt's assassination in 1938, had discussed the matter together. About Henry Ford, Pelley then said:

CLOSEST CONTACT WITH FORD
"I am already in the closest contact with Mr. Ford and am leaving for Detroit in the morning to see him again."

"If I can arrange it," added the chief, "I will take a plane to George and see you some time during the coming week. I am fairly sure of the allegiance of Burt Wheeler and, to a degree, Gerald Nye. I feel that if there is a common understanding between yourself, Mr. Ford and Sen. Wheeler, we can swing Charlie Lindbergh into line—Mr. Ford is definitely interested in the preliminary material which I have submitted to him and has implied that he would 'put a million dollars' behind our gesture, providing it can be shown that we can deliver the goods."

"My friend, Sen. Wheeler, will play ball, I am certain," he wrote Gen. Moseley. "If men like yourself and Mr. Ford contribute their offices."

"The America First Committee is a fine gesture in so far as it goes," said Pelley at one point, but he wanted the Big Four definitely with him.

"If I can get four men with outstanding prestige with the American people," he told Gen. Moseley—"with Mr. Ford's wealth to finance remedial action, Mr. Lind-

bergh's glamor to assure the interest of the public, Sen. Wheeler's prestige with Capitol Hill to do the necessary government tasks, and your interest to convince the army personnel of the integrity of our intentions—we can follow entirely legal means for the elimination of this subversive element that is capturing our government."

There is another reference to "this overseas crowd of subversionists" (meaning the Roosevelt administration), whom Pelley wanted to put "out of the country."

The prosecution considers the letter an important document bearing on the charges that Pelley conspired to impair the armed services and set up a fascist government here.

The letter was addressed to Moseley at the officers' ward, Post Hospital, Fort McPherson, Georgia, from Pelley's home in Indianapolis.

"MY DRAG IN JAPAN"

Pelley boasted of "my drag in Japan" in a letter to Dr. (Goat Gland) Brinkley of Kansas City, dated Aug. 14, 1941, and he added: "As for Germany and Europe, did I tell you that just before the war broke, every member of the Nazi court, including Herr Hitler himself, had read my book, Behold Life, and was classifying it as exactly the type of religion that Germany should embrace."

A series of anti-Semitic letters and appeals by Pelley's friend, Howard Borenstrupp, the defendant who signs himself Lieut. Gen. Count V. Cherp-Spiridovich, of New York, were also admitted to evidence from the Silver Shirt files.

One such appeal written for the papers published by defendants Winrod and Charles B. Hudson said: "The Mongolian-Jew-controlled Roosevelt dynasty will be smashed." The date, May 26, 1941, is a year after the passage of the sedition law.

Canada Egg Output

Growth of the Canadian poultry industry is indicated by her egg exports to Great Britain—1,031,820 dozen in 1939, 37,535,790 dozen in 1942.



R. J. THOMAS
President, UAW

UAW Board Acts On P-29 Strike

CLEVELAND, July 27.—International executive board members of the UAW-CIO here today for an emergency session of the board to enforce the international's demand for an end of the wildcat strike where production of B-29 bomber parts has been stopped since Monday.

Paul E. Milley, regional director of the UAW-CIO here, insisted that "the anarchy which has prevailed in the Ohio crankshaft local must cease at once," he insisted the international will not support officers of the local union in their strike action and asserted the IEB meeting will call the local officers to show cause why they should not be removed from office.

At the same time Milley called all employees to a meeting tonight.

Ohio Slavs Hold Parley Tomorrow

The American Slav Congress in the state of Ohio will hold its first organizing conference in Youngstown tomorrow (Saturday). The conference, to start at 10 a. m., will be held in the ballroom of the Ohio Hotel. American Slav organizations, churches and unions with Slav membership have been invited to send delegates.

Leo Krzycki, national president of the American Slav Congress and vice-president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, will give the keynote address. Harry Payer, who was Assistant Secretary of State under President Wilson, will also address the conference.

James Quinn, of the United Steelworkers of America, who will represent the CIO Political Action Committee.

Congress Committee to Study Kilgore Bill Aug. 1

By ADAM LAPIN

WASHINGTON, July 27.—Sen. Robert R. Reynolds, chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, today called a meeting of the committee on Aug. 1, the day Congress reconvenes, to consider the Kilgore bill and other pending reconversion legislation.

The AFL said that its representatives had succeeded in prevailing on Reynolds to send telegrams to all committee members to attend the meeting. Reynolds' office confirmed the AFL statement.

At the same time, AFL President William Green announced the launching of a drive to press for passage of the Kilgore bill providing for unemployment compensation for displaced workers and for overall planning of reconversion.

"Immediate passage of the Kilgore bill is vital to help provide jobs and insurance for demobilized servicemen and unemployed war workers," Green said.

WARNS OF DELAY

The AFL president warned that the nation is "wholly unprepared for peace" and that the "home front would be plunged into chaos" if the war against Germany should end before passage of adequate reconversion legislation.

Green urged that when Congress returns "it should remain in session until final action can be taken upon this basic legislation."

"We have no plans for coping with unemployment, with shut-down of factories or with problems of reconversion," Green said. "If peace catches us thus unprepared, an economic panic jeopardizing any possibility of postwar security and reconstruction may ensue."

Green's statement reflected the general alarm of labor leaders here at the failure of Congress to pass needed reconversion legislation.

LABOR UNITED ON BILL

CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhood unions are all united in pressing for passage of the Kilgore bill at the earliest possible time.

The Aug. 1 meeting of the Military Affairs Committee gives labor a concrete target to aim at in its campaign for action on the measure. One immediate problem in the opinion of labor circles here is that there may be difficulty in getting working quorum of the committee together. This same problem, large scale absenteeism, will also extend to action by the House and the Senate.

At present the sessions of Congress until Labor Day are expected to be purely formal without consideration of actual legislative business.

But House and Senate leaders

Write or Wire Them: 'Be There on Aug. 1'

WASHINGTON, July 27.—The Senate Military Affairs Committee is scheduled to meet Aug. 1 to consider the Kilgore bill, but many observers here are afraid that there will not be enough senators present to take action.

Members of the committee are Senators Robert R. Reynolds of North Carolina, Chairman, Elbert D. Thomas of Utah, Edwin C. Johnson of Colorado, Lister Hill of Alabama, Sheridan Downey of California, Albert B. Chandler, of Kentucky, Harry S. Truman of Missouri, Mon C. Wallgren of Washington, Harley M. Kilgore of West Virginia, James E. Murray of Montana, Joseph C. O'Mahoney of Wyoming, Warren R. Austin of Vermont, Styles Bridges of New Hampshire, Chan Gurney of South Dakota, Rufus C. Holman of Oregon, Chapman Revercomb of West Virginia, George A. Wilson of Iowa.

Be sure and let them know that you think they should be around on Aug. 1, ready to give their approval to legislation along the lines of the Kilgore bill.

are meeting on the day Congress reconvenes to consider calling members back to tackle the reconversion problem without further delay.

All union groups here are agreed that this course should be followed, and are urging Senate Majority Leader Alben Barkley and House Majority Leader John W. McCormack to press for immediate action on reconversion.

In an apparent effort to gain credit for the GOP Sen. Arthur Vandenberg, of Michigan, has called a meeting of Senate Republicans to discuss the reconversion issue for Aug. 1.

It was believed in informed circles here that one of the stumbling blocks in the path of legislation along the lines of the Kilgore bill is rapidly being removed.

Sen. James E. Murray, of Montana, chairman of the War Contracts Subcommittee of the Military Affairs Committee, who had previously been co-sponsor with Sen. Walter George, of Georgia, of an inadequate reconversion bill, reported to be ready to incorporate some of the best provisions of the Kilgore bill in his measure.

Pennsylvania PAC To Hold Parley

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Delegates from CIO unions throughout the state are gathering in the Chestnut Hill Auditorium Saturday morning as we go to press to form the Pennsylvania Citizens Political Action Committee. A broad, non-partisan organization to carry the Keystone state for Roosevelt and Truman is expected to result.

"Party lines must be forgotten in this most important poll" contest in our history," said John Phillips, temporary chairman. "The common people must win the 1944 Presidential election."

Fruit, Vegetable Ceilings Upheld

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, July 27.—A far-reaching move to undermine the anti-inflation program by permitting tie-in sales of wholesale fruits and vegetables appears to have been stopped, the Daily Worker learned today.

James F. Brownlee, Deputy OPA Administrator in charge of prices, is credited with having put his foot down. A final decision will not be made until OPA Administrator Chester Bowles returns from his vacation.

Although he came to OPA from big business as an executive of

Frankfort Distilleries and General Foods, Brownlee has consistently lined up with those in the agency who resisted efforts to undermine price control.

The Daily Worker reported on July 3 that Bowles was ready to accede to demands that he approve an amendment to Maximum Price Regulations 426, to permit wholesalers to compel retailers to buy inferior sizes and grades of fruits and vegetables in order to get regular A quality merchandise.

The inferior quality would have been passed along to consumers at OPA ceiling prices for higher qual-

ity goods.

Cherries, plums, apples, grapes, peaches, citrus fruits, apricots, prunes, peas and canteloupes were the products which would have been affected.

The labor and consumer advisory committees of OPA protested vigorously against the proposed amendment, and contributed to the reversal which has now taken place.

Although the amendment only affected wholesale tie-in sales, it was believed by officials here that it would have made impossible enforcement of the regulations prohibiting retail tie-in sales.

Gen. McNair Killed at Front Lines

LONDON, July 27 (UP). — Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, who took over an American citizens' army equipped with wooden sticks for guns and molded it into a mighty global striking force 7,700,000 strong, was killed on the front lines during the current offensive in Normandy, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower announced today.

McNair, 61 and described by many as "the brains of the American army," only recently relinquished his command of the U. S. army ground forces to take an important but undisclosed assignment.

Announcement of his death, details of which are still lacking, was the first disclosure that he was in Normandy.

It was announced simultaneously here and at Washington that he "was killed by enemy fire while observing the action of our front line units in the recent offensive."

A statement in Washington by U. S. Army Chief of Staff Gen. George C. Marshall describing McNair's death as a "great loss" to the American army, indicated that the fatal action occurred in the St. Lo offensive, which was launched only Tuesday. Marshall spoke of McNair's presence on the firing line "with the leading element in the great assault which has just been launched on the American front in Normandy."



LT. GEN. LESLEY J. MCNAIR

Nazis Name 3 Generals in Plot

LONDON, July 27 (UP). — Germany today named three high officers as leaders of the abortive plot to kill Adolf Hitler and overthrow Nazism and charged that they planned to seize the communications network of the High Command in Berlin and thus paralyze the entire German army at a single stroke.

The officers named in German broadcasts were:

Col.-Gen. Ludwig Beck, former Chief of General Staff, slated to be civil chief of Germany if the revolt succeeded. "Shot himself in the High Command headquarters as he was being arrested."

Col.-Gen. Friedrich Hoepfner, 58, Armored Corps Commander, "expelled from the army at the end of 1941 for a cowardly retreat on the eastern front. Under arrest awaiting sentence."

Infantry Gen. Friedrich Olbricht, 56, Chief of the Allgemeines Heeresamt, the great army supply depot in Berlin and second in command of the German Home Army. "Shot in the headquarters of the High Command in the Bendlerstrasse in Berlin at night after a court martial."

Olbricht was named in German broadcasts as the brains of the conspiracy.

Perriers, Lessay Taken In Big Normandy Smash



Members of the French underground raise the French tricolor flag over "Meaning Minnie," a six-barrelled German mortar captured at the mouth of a cave outside Fleury-sur-Orne, France. The cave was used by the Nazis as an ammunition warehouse. Nine hundred residents of the village also used it as an air raid shelter.

Red Army in Biggest Day Of War Takes 6 Bastions

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River barrier to the Reich and begun to outflank Warsaw to the south.

At the same time, Berlin said Nazi troops were withdrawing from Brest-Litovsk as Soviet troops all but completed the encirclement of that fortress—the last to hold out before Warsaw—and London observers believed that the fall of the city was imminent.

The encircled fortress of Lvov, long left behind in the Soviet advance to the San River and toward German Silesia, was captured by infantry and tank formations of Marshal Ivan S. Konev's First Ukrainian Army under 38 generals after two days of fierce street fighting.

Lvov, a city of 317,000 persons, was described by Marshal Stalin in an order of the day as an "industrially and politically important center and regional town of the Ukraine, a large rail junction and strategically important stronghold covering the roads to the southern regions of Poland."

NEAR CZECH BORDER

Konev's forces also captured the oil city of Stanislavov, a great rail junction and vital German stronghold that resisted the Soviet winter offensive, in a great drive toward Czechoslovakia. Lying in the foothills of the high Carpathian mountains, Stanislavov is 37 miles from the Czech border, but by-passing the city, Konev's forces already have driven to within 15 miles of the border.

Stanislavov was taken as a result of an outflanking maneuver that cut the last railroad escape route and by frontal assault. By capturing the city, the First Ukrainian Army swept beyond all territory that the Soviets lost after the winter offensive lull.

The capture of the city opened

the accessible passes across the Carpathians into southeastern Czechoslovakia for a possible Russian drive across the country into Romania.

One hundred and two miles north-east of Warsaw, the great industrial city and fortress of Belostok, on the Leningrad-Warsaw railroad, collapsed under the pile-driver blows of Col. Gen. Matvei Zakharov's Second White Russian Army.

The big textile center of 91,000 persons set among wooded hills guards not only the roads to Warsaw from the northeast, but also stands 48 miles southeast of the border of East Prussia.

The city was taken after two days fighting in the streets, Marshal Stalin announced. Recently the German garrison was ordered to hold out to the last man, the German High Command regarded the industrial city as "the gateway to East Prussia."

Zakharov's forces were in posi-

tion to drive southwest to Warsaw or due west to Lomza after which they could turn north into East Prussia behind the difficult terrain of the extensive Masurian lakes.

Roaring suddenly westward, the right-hand American break-through column swept forward seven miles after gaining the Coutances highway below Marigny and penetrated La Chapelle, only four miles outside Coutances.

Perriers and Lessay, strongholds of the shattered line, were captured without a fight by American forces on the west flank, who smashed ahead two miles, driving the fleeing enemy against the tank spearheads which had swung toward Coutances after crashing through near St. Lo.

TAKE 2,000 NAZIS

Infantry in their wake captured 2,000 prisoners and had severed the Perriers-Coutances road, one of the two main escape routes through the city for the demoralized and depleted seven divisions of the German 84th Corps.

Swarms of American dive-bombers were running interference for the tanks and having a field day against the enemy's piled up columns as they tumbled backward toward the Coutances bottleneck. The dive-bombers wrecked or damaged 107 German tanks on Wednesday alone, including a number of big Mark VI "Tigers," which were unable to turn around on the narrow hedge-lined roads.

CAPTURE 23 TOWNS

On the eastern flank of the surging 40-mile offensive front, the Yanks smashed ahead three miles in the area west of Caumont, and a total of 23 towns was captured in the day's broad advances for a two-day aggregate of about 40 towns.

They included the road centers of Canisy and Le Mesnil-Herman, respectively four miles southwest and six miles south of St. Lo, and when those places fell early Thursday, the German front cracked wide open, front reports said.

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RIP 15-MILE GAP

The westernmost spearhead had torn a hole 15 miles deep through the enemy's defense system along a twisting, tornado-like course that swept over pill-boxes, blockhouses and trenches. Infantrymen were following through by the thousands to consolidate the area against the possibility of the Germans restoring

tion to drive southwest to Warsaw or due west to Lomza after which they could turn north into East Prussia behind the difficult terrain of the extensive Masurian lakes.

Marshal Stalin's order of the day announcing the fall of Belostok named 19 generals and one woman officer of the Red Air Force, a Lt. Col. Purkayeva.

their position by counterattack.

The eastern spearhead smashed on three miles beyond Le Mesnil-Herman captured St. Samson De Bon Fosse, and fanned out in a thrust carrying the potentialities of an outflanking of the eastern side of the line similar to that on the west.

The cream of U. S. assault infantry was driving in hard at German pockets left by the tanks, including the 60th Infantry Division of the Ninth Division, known as the "Go-Devils," and the 120th Infantry, whose history dates back to the Civil War.

Their officers described the enemy's condition as "chaotic" due to the double shock of Tuesday's great pre-attack bombing and the thundering thrusts of the tanks. One huge pocket just west of St. Lo yielded up 1,300 prisoners who almost to a man were temporarily shocked out of their senses.

NAZI TANKS FUTILE

At one point in the dash for Coutances, enemy tanks tried to block our advance but they were bowled over and passed after putting up a weak show.

The enemy ranks stumbling down on Coutances from the Lessay sector included some of Adolf Hitler's proudest fighters, the Der Fuehrer and Deutschland regiments. They and the other enemy units caught in the closing trap at Coutances promised to yield Bradley an even greater bag of prisoners than seized in the victory at Cherbourg. A General Hausman was believed one of their commanders.

Two of the most important bridges on their escape roads had been knocked out by the air forces.

Infantrymen pressing south from the Lessay sector after crossing the Seves River met opposition only from mines and demolitions, front reports said. Lessay was found in ruins from the bombing and shelling of the last three weeks' battles. Perriers, occupied late in the afternoon, was deserted but not so badly scarred by war.

While the Americans ripped apart the western end of the 120-mile French line, the eastern flank below Caen appeared to stabilize as both sides relaxed after fierce see-saw slugging of the last three days.

Between 40 and 50 German tanks tried twice late Wednesday to wrest newly captured Verrieres from Canadian troops, but were routed with the aid of rocket-firing Typhoon fighter planes. Thirteen tanks were hit. The rest of the front was quiet.

Speaking of the American breakthrough, Berlin said, "The fierceness of violent fighting increases with every hour; the Normandy battle stands before a new and decisive phase."

London Poles Go to Moscow; Soviet, Liberation Group in Pact

LONDON, July 27 (UP). — Stanislaw Mikolajczyk and Tadeusz Romer, premier and foreign minister, respectively, of the Polish Government-in-Exile, left for Moscow by plane today.

It was generally believed that Prime Minister Churchill, and possibly President Roosevelt, interceded on behalf of Mikolajczyk by arranging a meeting for him with Soviet premier Joseph Stalin.

Russia has recognized the new Polish national committee formed on Polish soil as the provisional government of Poland and has entered into formal agreements with

it for the administration of Polish territory. It would go into effect immediately.

MOSCOW, July 27 (UP) — The Soviet Foreign Office announced today that an agreement regulating the administration of all Polish territory liberated by the Red Army was signed by the Soviet Union and the Polish Committee of National Liberation last night.

Soviet Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav M. Molotov and Obka Morawski, chairman of the Polish Committee, signed the pact in the Kremlin and it was announced that

Under its terms, the Soviet armies will retain jurisdiction over all liberated territory in Poland while the affected areas are within the zone of military operations, passing to the Committee as soon as those operations have been completed. The Committee also will be empowered to raise an army in liberated zones, with the stipulation that these troops, as well as those Poles already fighting with the Red Army, will be under direction of the Soviet High Command subject to Polish military law.

Brooklyn Joins GI Vote Offensive

Brooklyn hung out the war ballot drive banners yesterday and distributed thousands of application cards for its 300,000 servicemen and women.

The campaign started at noon from the steps of Borough Hall with President John Cashmore calling upon Brooklynites to get ballot applications to every fighter.

In his War Ballot Day Proclamation, Cashmore urged friends and relatives of men in the armed forces to apply for ballot applications from the Borough President's office, the Board of Elections in the Brooklyn Municipal Building and the War Ballot Commission in Manhattan. These applications were to be sent to soldiers immediately, Cashmore said.

The importance of the present wartime elections cannot be over-emphasized, he declared.

ALL WEEK CANVASS

Brooklyn CDVO groups, civic and business organizations are participating in the distribution. A house to house canvass will continue for the rest of the week.

Meanwhile the entire soldier vote issue was fast becoming a hot political potato for Gov. Dewey. The action of his dominated State War Ballot Commission denying state ballots to merchant seamen and federal ballots to fighters not receiving state forms was protested yesterday by the city CIO, the American Labor Party State Committee and the Citizens Non-Partisan Committee for the Servicemen's Vote. These groups demanded Dewey call a special session of the Legislature immediately.

The day before the commission had beaten two proposals to ease ballot restrictions by a tie vote, two to two, along party lines. Chairman William T. Simpson and George M. Clancy, both Republicans, voted against the motions sponsored by Democrats Neil M. Lieblich and William T. Larkin. Simpson is already on record for attacking the soldier vote drive as a "fad." His statement of a week earlier that soldiers were not interested in voting drew the fire of many city and state groups.

PRESSURE PUT ON DEWEY

The commission's action came as a result of a National Maritime Union drive for ballots for its members.

Benjamin Fielding, executive secretary of the American Labor Party State Committee, called upon the governor to "break the tie-vote by vigorous executive action under the state Constitution."

The action of the bi-partisan commission in denying the simplified federal ballot to soldiers and sailors, Merchant Marine, USO and Red Cross workers, "is an outright defiance of the clear constitutional intent to extend the right to vote to these thousands of gallant men and women," he said.

"The Republican members of the commission," said Saul Mills, secretary of the city CIO, "must either admit their partisanship in the interpretation they have placed on the war State War Ballot Law or, else, as public officials, call on Gov. Dewey to exercise his executive powers by casting a deciding vote in favor of correcting the injustices which exist within the law or call a special session of the Legislature for this purpose."

Court Issues Warrant For Petrillo Arrest

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., July 27 (UP).—James C. Petrillo, president of the American Federation of Musicians, today faced arrest on contempt of court charges for ordering a walkout of eight musicians at radio station KSTP in violation of an injunction restraining them from striking.

A bench warrant for Petrillo's arrest for violation of the July 21 court order was issued by Judge W. W. Bardwell, but it appeared unlikely that it would be served since Petrillo lives in Chicago, outside the court's jurisdiction.

Torpedoed Seamen Rip Dewey Sneak Blow

By HELEN FITZGERALD

TORPEDOED seamen interviewed at their union headquarters on W. 17th St. yesterday morning were not puzzled by Attorney General Goldstein's statement that seamen are not members of the armed forces and therefore cannot use absentee ballots.

They see through Gov. Dewey's legal "trick" to keep them from exercising their fundamental democratic right. "They're downright indignant at this 'sneak attack'—and that's putting it mildly."

They consider themselves a part of the armed forces, they have seen their shipmates go down. They see delivering the goods as a frontline job.

WE'RE FIGHTING TOO

"How does Dewey think our soldiers get the vital munitions and food they need?" said 21-year-old Thomas Petropoulos who has been torpedoed twice. "Living on a ship in constant anxiety, going to bed with your clothes on and keeping on the alert even in your sleep, that's war."

"Now, why can't we vote in and for the democracy for which we are risking our lives? You can understand why I'm going to vote for our Commander-in-Chief Roosevelt in November. Constitutions were made to help the people not to crush their hopes for democracy," he asserted.

Thomas, a Greek-American boy was born in Milwaukee, Wis. After his ship was torpedoed off the West African coast in November, 1942, he and 15 others spent 16 days on a raft before they were rescued. They represented the only survivors out of the crew of 40. Off Southern Iceland again, in April, 1943, a tin fin got his ship. Fortunately this time survivors were picked up within 30 hours.

"It looks like Dewey doesn't want anybody to vote if there is the least chance he may not vote for him," interjected George Barzeuata who is 52 years old and survived 23 days in an open raft after his ship was sunk off Bermuda on April 23, 1942. "I've been around a long time and I know a 'political trick' when I see it."

I'D LIKE TO ASK DEWEY . . .

Then Able Seaman, E. C. Long, spoke up. Long was born in Cass, Ark., and was torpedoed on June 8, 1942 in the Caribbean Sea. "I felt like a member of the armed forces then, and I still do, though I'm 42 years old. How could we get equipment over to our troops if we didn't keep them sailing, I'd like to ask Mr. Dewey that."

"Everybody should have a chance to vote, isn't that what all the shooting was about back in 1776," added George Green, a Negro seaman who has been sailing ships all his life. "We were torpedoed and our ship shelled by the Nazis on May 19, 1942, and believe

me, I certainly felt as if I was on the front-lines." Green spent three days on a liferaft with shipmates. "It's pretty obvious that Dewey is trying to sneak into the White House by trying to keep as many men and women from voting as possible."

Thomas Vina, 30, another torpedoed seaman said the merchant seamen are doing a vital job in the war effort. "My ship was part of the convoy that saved Malta back in August, 1942. Only I didn't get there. We were torpedoed off Sicily. That's a political game, Dewey is playing, and it's not in the interests of the people and of labor. I'm going to cast my vote for Roosevelt and Marcantonio too. We need the kind of congressmen that will back up our Commander-in-Chief, and especially after final victory is won." Vina was born and raised in Brooklyn and still lives there with his sister.

Cecil Durant whose wife and three children reside in New York, saw nine of his shipmates go down when their ship was torpedoed in the South Atlantic on January 9, 1943.

"You bet I think seamen should vote, and especially those who are out delivering the goods during election time," said this 43-year-old Negro citizen. "It's nothing more than right. President Roosevelt is getting my vote. He's been doing a good job and he should be given a chance to finish it."

3 Party Heads Join Syracuse GI Vote Drive

SYRACUSE, July 25.—Regardless of how our soldiers vote in November, their right to exercise that vote must be guaranteed, says a letter to local organizations from Citizens Non-Partisan Committee for the Servicemen's Vote in Syracuse.

The committee, recently formed with headquarters at 1302 State Tower Building, is sponsored by Rolland B. Marvin, chairman of the Onondaga County of the Republican Party; Myron J. Parkinson, chairman of the county's Democratic Party, and Stanley G. Valenti, chairman of the county's American Labor Party.

Officers are Norton S. Putter, Ruth E. Hill and the Rev. Arthur J. Marshall.

Depots for soldier vote application cards are being set up in local hotel lobbies, organizational headquarters, the Mayor's office, union halls, banks, department stores and community groups.

PLAN CONFERENCE

The committee is planning a citywide conference to organize a three-day proclamation during which all organizations will be asked to participate in a canvass of every soldier's home for ballot distribution.

Of the 30,000 men and women from Onondaga County in the armed forces, only some 1,800 have applied for ballots to date, because of Gov. Dewey's "soldiers can't vote" law. Other outstanding Republicans on the committee include Clellen S. Forsythe, president of the Syracuse War Dads, Inc., and Joseph Mondro, Junior Chamber of Commerce.

A successful GI vote rally has already been held here.

The committee also includes representatives of United War Fund, Ladies Auxiliary of the Jewish Veterans of Foreign Wars, United Auto Workers, Bakers Union, Syracuse University, Jewish Welfare Federation, May Memorial Unitarian Church, American Youth for Democracy, Syracuse Federation of Labor, Greater Industrial Union Council, American Legion and many social and sport clubs.

Mayor Urges Gov't Postwar Works Plan to Avoid Job Crisis

Mayor LaGuardia warned Congress yesterday to prepare at once to "frankly and courageously" meet the postwar problem of returning servicemen and dislocated industry by appropriating 40 billion dollars for a vast public works program. Speaking at a hear-

ing of a special congressional subcommittee on postwar economic policy in the Manhattan Federal Court building, the Mayor said Congress should appropriate funds for the first year of postwar reconstruction immediately or face a crisis later of millions of unemployed.

He proposed a sum equal to the cost of running the war for 20 days for the first year's postwar construction.

"I'd double that for the second year," he said, "and continue the program for five years. It will help tremendously. It may do the trick. If we do not do it we will spend more money and get less results."

He told the committee New York City was prepared to go ahead with 215 postwar projects costing \$196,442,000 at the "drop of the hat."

The entire city program, the only complete one in the country, will cost \$2,000,000,000, he said, and will give employment to 200,000 workers in New York and 800,000 "behind the



MAYOR LaGUARDIA

lines" manufacturing and transportation industries.

Bronx Borough President James

J. Lyons told the committee that although he represented a minority in the city government he had supported the policies of the Mayor 99 percent of the time.

Looking directly at Republican committee member Rep. Hamilton Fish, he said: "I wish the Republican members of Congress could say they had cooperated that well with the great Democratic President."

Lyons challenged Rep. William M. Colmer (D-Miss.), who expressed the idea that private industry would absorb all unemployed immediately after the war. Colmer expressed fear the government may spend too much on postwar construction.

"Wouldn't it be better to spend on the welfare of the people after the war the same amount we are spending today on the war?" Lyons retorted.

The Federal government should guarantee 50 percent of the cost of all local postwar construction and 75 percent of the cost of the planning.

He urged action by Congress to make uniform all wages and labor laws "in order to prevent dislocation of population." He likewise asked for substantial aid to agriculture, saying: "We cannot be prosperous in the city unless agriculture is prosperous."

"Never in history have we faced such a gigantic situation as we will face at the end of the war with sudden stoppage of war production, dislocation of millions of men and women in war factories and demobilization of the largest Army and Navy we ever had," the Mayor declared. "This creates a problem that must be frankly and courageously faced."

Stocking Up on Fish

The Michigan conservation department operates 14 fish hatcheries, 13 trout rearing stations, and eight major bass and bluegill rearing ponds to produce game fish for stocking waters throughout the state.

Unionists Back United Jewish Protest Rally

A united mass demonstration to protest against the massacre of the Jews of Hungary and other Hitler-occupied countries will take place at Madison Square Park, Monday, 4:45 p.m., July 31. The American Jewish Conference, embracing more than 60 national-Jewish membership organizations initiated this unity demonstration. Helping sponsor it are the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order (JPO), the Jewish Peoples Committee and the American Jewish Committee.

A statement by the Jewish Peoples Committee yesterday said: "Tens of thousands of Jewish representatives of every Jewish organization and all sections of Jewish life will overflow Madison Square Park this Monday and unitedly demonstrate their wrath against the Nazi and Hungarian quisling murderers. Today nearly one million Jews in

Hungary and Central Europe are threatened with total extermination. It is the solemn duty of every Jew and non-Jew too, to come to this large outpouring in order to let the world know that the instigators of these heinous crimes perpetrated against the Jews of Europe will not escape the inexorable punishment."

Ferdinand Smith, secretary of the National Maritime Union, urged "Every New York man, woman and child to protest the wanton slaughter of Hungarian Jews by Hitler's quisling Horthy."

Isidore Rosenberg, manager of Dist. Council 13, United Shoe Workers of America, said that "the horrible murders of the Hungarian Jews perpetrated by the criminal Nazi regime will not be forgotten by an outraged humanity." He appealed for a united turnout at Madison Square Park.



Union Lookout

- Postwar Planning
- Comic Strip Technique

by Dorothy Loeb

Delegates from the AFL International Association of Machinists, will meet in Syracuse next month just before the State Federation of Labor convention. . . . When CIO Wholesale and Warehouse Workers took up a collection for political action at the Service Quilting Co., employer Louis Horowitz chipped in \$50, bringing the shop's total to \$185. Said Horowitz: "The work of the PAC serves the interests of all Americans—both workers and employers."

Southern California AFL unions have been called upon by the Los Angeles Joint Council of Teamsters to raise a million dollar postwar peace and prosperity fund to assure full employment and high national income. Funds would be used for public relations, education, promotion of full employment by contacting business and agricultural leaders, and to seek participation in state, county and municipal governing bodies. The plan is being put before the L. A. Central Trades and the United AFL Labor Committee.

People like the comics so that CIO is using the comic-strip technique to combat anti-labor propaganda. A new publication, With Victory, prepared by the CIO education and research department, is just off the press based on this method. It presents a series of four-color panels dramatizing the life of an industrial worker and his family and a soldier in the South Pacific as they plan their standard of living in the postwar world. The strip will go to a selected list of 42,000 community leaders and publications.

The red issue came up in a new and pretty form at the Ford Motor Co. Highland Park, Mich., plant recently. Management docked a girl member of Local 600, CIO United Auto Workers, a half hour's pay because she wore red slacks to work. They didn't mind the slacks. All girls are required to wear them. It was the color. It's distracting, management said. An umgire went in on the union grievance. He ruled: "It is common knowledge that wolves, unlike bulls, may be attracted by colors other than red and by various other enticements in the art and fit of female attire." The girl got her half hour's pay back. And red slacks are a la mode at Highland Park.

Wives and children of workers partially replaced dry statistical tables of income and outgo when the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers brought its plea for higher wages now before the War Labor Board this week. The UE, acting for 300,000 General Electric and Westinghouse workers, was supported by the physical presence of not only workers but also their wives and little children. Five-year-old Robert Zack sat on his daddy's lap while the WLB heard testimony on a \$42.50 a week take home and what it costs to meet the family's needs. The case is part of labor's fight for upward revision of the Little Steel formula.

NEW MASSES

Why the Democrats Chose F.D.R. and Truman

First-hand report from Chicago

By A. B. Magil

Hitler Versus The Generals

By Colonel T.

A Churchman Reads Browder

By Rev. Wm. H. Melish

Marcantonio And Powell Must Win

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ILWU Backs Postwar Pledge

SAN FRANCISCO, July 27.—The executive board of the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, headed by Harry Bridges, has endorsed the now famous Local 6 security preamble which would extend the no-strike pledge beyond the war in exchange for a guarantee of basic union security from employers.

The preamble was the subject of wide comment and much distortion since it was adopted by the big San Francisco and Bay Area warehouse local for incorporation in a proposed union contract weeks ago. Some sought to interpret it as "abandonment" of the right to strike, whereas actually it was a declaration of "no lockouts—no strikes."

The ILWU board, meeting in quarterly session, issued a statement on postwar planning and security, which said:

"Only by rejecting the defeatist philosophy that peace must be the signal for industrial warfare on pocket lines can we start in an atmosphere suitable for the cooperation that will be necessary to an expanded economy."

TEHERAN CALLED KEYSTONE

Postwar security plans must be based on Teheran conference decisions which open the way to wider domestic and foreign trade, the declaration said. It recommended re-election of President Roosevelt and a Congress pledged to support his program and asserted that now, while labor, management and government are united in joint action for victory, is the time to "reach accords in which our war experience for the peaceable settlement of industrial disputes can be used advantageously beyond the war's end."

Fewer Farm Workers

There were 9,080,000 workers on American farms on April 1, about 3 per cent below the same date a year ago.

Wounded Vets Back UE Demands at WLB Panel

Three ex-servicemen, wounded in action, brought testimony from the battlefields yesterday to support organized labor's demand for upward revision of the Little Steel formula and for a guaranteed annual wage for 130,000 General Electric Corp. employees. Next to

Labor Scene

Pearl Snipes at Rising Labor Unity Behind FDR

By LOUIS F. BUDENZ

It is a miserable bid at breaking up the strong labor unity back of the Roosevelt-Truman ticket which Philip Pearl, publicity representative of the American Federation of Labor, has just made.

In this week's issue of the Federation's news sheet, Pearl has resorted to a red-baiting attack on the CIO Political Action Committee, in asserting that Senator Truman was the AFL candidate for vice-president at Chicago. Pearl refers to Chairman Sidney Hillman of the PAC almost in the identical words employed by John Bricker, GOP vice-presidential candidate, in his Wednesday interview at Albany.

This identity is not by chance. The Pearl statement is designed to help the Dewey-Bricker ticket and to do the dirty work of Big Bill Hutcheson and John Lewis.

At the present moment, FDR's foes badly need some such statement as Pearl's. Labor unity behind the President is stronger than at any time in the last 12 years. Hutcheson and Lewis find themselves almost alone politically, with little backing in their respective organizations, the Carpenters and Miners.

This labor unity trend is particularly marked since the conventions. The contrasting character of these gatherings and of the candidates and platforms have convinced more and more workers that there is no choice but FDR and his policies for them. Labor organizations have therefore felt more vividly and decisively that they must work together to assure success for the President.

GOP HOPES FOR RIFTS

The Republicans have counted on dividing the labor movement in this campaign, but these plans have not worked out so well. Of course, they will continue to do their best to create rifts in the labor ranks, and to do so in particular by attacking the CIO. Bricker's effusion at Albany Wednesday was the latest disclosure of their hopes in this respect.

Pearl's use of the official AFL publication to give aid and comfort to the most reactionary political groups in the country is an insult to all labor. It was not sanctioned by the AFL membership, we may be sure, and not even by a con-

siderable part of its leadership. The speech of President Daniel Tobin of the Teamsters, seconding the nomination of President Roosevelt, is the true voice of the AFL membership and its best leadership.

The Daily Worker has time after time thrown the spotlight on Pearl and proved that he is a Hutcheson-Lewis man, injurious to the best interests of the AFL and its members. Taking advantage of the political timidity of AFL council, Pearl has repeatedly made use of his column in the Federation's weekly news sheet in free lance fashion to help the worst foes of labor unity.

Knowing the position of the AFL members, of Dan Tobin and even of Bill Green, Pearl is now hitting upon new tactics but with the same intent in mind. He is now compelled to admit that the Democratic Party convention is supported by the AFL. He goes on to claim Truman as an AFL man, in order thereby to assail the CIO, belittle it and strive to drive a new wedge in the labor forces.

No one could object to the AFL's claiming that it was an original backer of Senator Truman and that it rejoices in his choice by the convention. That would represent progress for the AFL politically. But when this perfectly legitimate claim is made use of in order to harm the Roosevelt-Truman ticket and to echo such anti-labor mouthpieces as Dewey and Bricker, then the full extent of such treason to labor becomes obvious.

It would be in the AFL's best interest if its affiliates would insist to the responsible leaders of that federation that they shut Pearl up. To the aid which he affords to the anti-Roosevelt and therefore anti-labor forces, there stands out in welcome contrast Wednesday's statesmanlike declaration by President R. J. Thomas of the Auto Workers. This statement backing Truman as well as Roosevelt not only illustrates the need for labor unity in the campaign; it demonstrates the basis on which such unity can be developed.

News Capsules

Don't Let Your City Down

Dig deeper into that old sock, New Yorkers. There are only four more days to go in the Fifth War Loan Drive's sale of E bonds. A total of \$55,548,905 worth must be sold if the city is to meet its quota.

The War Department revealed that more than 60 percent of their employees are women and announced a new policy to protect the health of their pregnant workers. Some of the provisions: pregnant employees will not be required to work after the 32d week and should not return before six weeks after delivery. Other points cover type of work to be done, check-ups, length of work week and retention of seniority privileges.

At Brooklyn, 96 tenants resid-

ing at 755 Ocean Ave., got together to protest rent increases which they had received. Tenants charged their landlord, J. R. Rudavsky, with "kiting" the estimated cost for a new summer roof garden to \$1,200 to obtain permission to increase rents. They're appealing for a revision of the increase order to the Washington office of OPA.

The Argentine quintuplets, Carlos, Franco, Maria, Ester, Maria Fernand and Maria Christina Dilligentl celebrated their first birthdays.

A Liberator bomber flying low struck a tree top in suburban Merriam, Kan., and mowed through five houses before it crashed, killing three crew members, three civilians

winning the war, what occupies the thoughts of the boys in the foxholes most is whether they'll have job security on their return, Donald V. Surdam, 36, an ex-staff sergeant, told a National War Labor Board panel in the Empire State Building. He and Lawrence J. Curtin, 48, a veteran of both World War I and World War II, and Herbert Dasse, 30, who served in New Guinea until a shrapnel wound mustered him out, appeared in support of the fight of the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers for a 17-cent an hour general wage increase and a year-round guaranteed wage.

The UE, which with the United Steel Workers and the United Auto Workers is spearheading CIO's drive for wage adjustments, presented testimony earlier this week in Washington supporting similar demands on behalf of Westinghouse Corp. employees.

The boys in the Solomons were talking mostly about the future and whether it would provide them with jobs, Surdam told the panel. He served three years in the infantry until shell fragments incapacitated him and gave him an honorable discharge. But when he returned to the GE's Schenectady plant, he got an 82-cent an hour job instead of the \$1.17 an hour rate he left, he said. His wounds had made it impossible for him to take the old job.

Curtin, victim of a lung wound inflicted by a fascist bayonet in the North African campaign, came back to a job at GE lifting crates, till the pressure reopened his wound and he was transferred to the tool crib. He works 45 hours a week and makes 95 cents an hour. Dasse, who is married and has a child, served three years in the air corp. Formerly an auto mechanic, he returned to a GE job as a bullet machine operator which pays him, approximately \$48.50 a week for a 48 hour week.

Leo Jandreau, business agent of the UE's Schenectady Local 301, testified that government statistics showed Schenectady rents to be outstandingly high and that union surveys showed a 100 per cent rise in cost of individual food items, despite community efforts to police prices.

Alfred Coulthard and J. J. Callahan, business agents from Lynn, and Pittsfield, Mass., respectively, added testimony and evidence of increased living costs and said that growing dissatisfaction among union members might affect war production and morale.

The GE management was represented at the hearings over which Moses Shapiro, WLB panel member, presided.

Designing New

Lidice at Columbia

A new Lidice, to be built in Czechoslovakia after the war, is being designed at Columbia University under the auspices of the Czechoslovakian government-in-exile, it was announced yesterday by Leopold Arnaud, dean of the Columbia School of Architecture.

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Bricker and G. K. Smith

AT HIS press conference Wednesday, Gov. Bricker made it clear that he welcomes the support of Gerald L. K. Smith, Ham Fish and John L. Lewis.

Smith, Fish and Lewis back the GOP ticket because they find the views of the GOP candidates and platform acceptable to them. Dewey and Bricker accept that support because these men meet their conception of good Americanism.

The American people can see in this relationship one of the principal issues of the 1944 elections.

To divert attention from its pro-fascist supporters the GOP leadership has embarked upon a campaign of red-baiting. It labels the CIO with its six million members Communist and charges that the President is receiving the active support of the Communists.

Supposing the Communists do support the reelection of the President while fascists are behind Dewey and Bricker, what about it? There is no contradiction between communism or socialism and democracy. There most certainly is between fascism and democracy.

It is not by accident but as a consequence of our democratic policies that our nation is now waging war, not against democracy as it is being expressed under a new social system of our ally the Soviet Union, but against fascism which is the enemy of democracy and civilization.

There can be little surprise that under our two-party system any American political party should have the support of Communists who stand in the forefront in our war of liberation. But how can any American political party court and accept the support of native fascists, the saboteurs of our war effort, the sworn enemies of democracy?

Answer to Goebbels

IF PAUL JOSEPH GOEBBELS was unusually calm, and tried hard to be "honest" to his German audience in the radio broadcast on Wednesday afternoon, this in itself tells us how seriously Germany has been shaken by the events of the past ten days. It is clear that the German public has been swept by the wildest rumors amounting to panic; Goebbels was obviously trying, by a show of "sober fact," as well as by his personal fervor to allay this mood inside of the Reich.

But he could only explain what had happened by claiming that God is on Hitler's side. He could only call for greater faith, for a belief in miracles, promises of secret weapons, for a supreme effort. And no matter how cleverly he worked up this appeal, it does not cancel out the sense of doom which must now be penetrating every German mind.

He could not conceal the real dead-end to which Hitler has taken Germany. He could not hide the narrowed base of the Nazi regime, which relies more than ever on the twin weapons of fanaticism and terror to keep itself going.

If you read Goebbels' speech alongside of the appeal from the 17 German generals speaking from Moscow the day before, it's not hard to gauge the truth. Germany has lost the war, and the generals know it. They blame it on Hitler, and Goebbels cannot reply to that charge. He can only promise that if the Germans hold out a little longer, somehow their luck will change.

To prolong the war and hope for some kind of break—that is now the Nazi perspective. They want to hold out in the expectation that somehow disunity will develop among the United Nations, and particularly within the United States.

Our job is to rob them of any such perspective. Our Soviet allies are certainly doing their part in the East, as witness the tremendous five victories yesterday, the five orders of the day by Stalin. It remains for us to open up with all we have—not only in Italy and Normandy—but on a front which leads directly to German soil itself.

It is certainly clear that our offensives need stepping up. It must be plain to our High Commands, with the great forces available to them on the British Isles, that a front much closer to the Reich, an all-out blow, is what the situation requires.

While on the home front greater production and greater national unity is also required. The election campaign must not become Hitler's secret weapon to divide and confuse the American public in a crucial hour. It must be conducted in such a way as to unite Americans behind their war leaders. It is for this reason, apart from all others, that unity behind the President is now our paramount need.

DISEASE CARRIER



To Tell the Truth

The Nazi Smell Is in the Gland

By Robert Minor

A CITY boy, visiting on a Texas farm, was asked to take his turn one night on guard with a shotgun for a polecat (skunk to you) that had been killing chicken end. He took his turn at the chicken coop, but quit in the middle of the night and went to bed. Next morning all the chickens had been killed by the skunk. Asked why he had left his post, the city fellow replied:

"I stayed there until I smelled him. He smelled so bad, I thought he was dead, so I went to bed."



The smell from Berlin does not prove the skunk is dead. Something unusual is happening: a great crisis is on. But the smell is nothing new in Nazi Germany.

Pro-Nazi newspapers, New York Daily News to you, are trying to persuade us that the assassination of the individual Hitler would be a decisive event. Says Patterson's Daily News:

"War is often an instrument of policy... Assassination has often been used as a more immediate instrument, on the ground that it makes a quick change with the least loss of life, and is thus more efficient than war..."

"The terms of peace for the Germans probably would be mitigated if they were able to bring about a revolution against Hitler and Hitlerism, putting out of existence their leader and his chief satellites such as Goering, Goebbels and Himmler..."

Patterson speaks up for the Naziland, tells us editorially that it seems to him "the boys" meaning those Nazis in Germany who want to kill Hitler—"are trying to do Germany, and maybe the world, a favor." (N. Y. Daily News July 25, 1944).

Words about assassination as an instrument of policy slide very easily from the tongues of people whose ways of thinking have much in common with the Hitler cult. But we must not allow the Pattersons to get away with the fraud that the assassination of these assassins will be the cause of anything of importance in Germany.

The living or the dying of one little underworld criminal will be the cause of nothing important, one way or the other. There is only one cause of the coming crash of the Hitler state. That cause is to be found in the military blows that are being struck by million-fold armies.

Not merely a half-wit ex-detective from Vienna, but the terrific German military machine, and the political machine behind it, are what we must smash and exterminate and burn out of the earth of the entire world. It is not the personality of a low-grade criminal from Vienna that put the driving power into the terrific German military machine; it is the terrific German military machine itself, with the mobilized political forces of German medieval reaction behind it, that found in one little scab house painter a convenient jumping jack—shrieking about "the menace of Jewish Bolshevism" to evoke all the Hooverism and Deweyism in America, the Clivedenism in England and the Vichyism in France that were necessary to the success of the German military and political assault upon the world. There were a dozen and even a score of underworld characters—such as Ernst Roehm, an equally degen-

erate scoundrel with as loud a shriek and as brutalized a mind—who very nearly became Hitler's "Brutus" and successor in leading the assault on the world, back in 1934. There are on deck in Berlin scores of vermin of the same type. Which of the vermin may die and which may live a while longer to do the shrieking is of little concern.

The colossal machine of world conquest of Nazi Germany would be buying the world at a price as cheap as they paid for France if they were to succeed, with the help of the Pattersons, in persuading the American nation that the history of the world and the balance of military forces will be changed by the prospective assassination of one half-witted scab house painter.

Anything that happens in Germany now, including the probable assassination of one Hitler by other Hitlers, will be solely the effect of the continuation of the gigantic military blows such as those by which the Russians have shattered armies of some 600,000 in the past four weeks.

The skunk state always smelled as it smells now. The stink is in its glands. It is alive. The smell of death of the Nazi state will come only as a result of our overwhelming military action.

Worth Repeating

EDWARD S. SKILLIN, JR., editor of the Catholic weekly Commonweal, of July 28, in defending his previous attack on the Sinarquist movement: The Sinarquists openly aspire to taking over in Mexico; yet they refuse normal political means. Is it illogical to conclude that they are waiting only until they are powerful enough to seize the reins of government? Can any organization which at its meetings does not permit discussions, but only hands out orders, be held democratic? How can there be adequate checks and balances, or influence on the part of the rank and file, in an organization rigidly controlled by a secret leadership? The term "democratic" as applied to such an organization is devoid of any meaning. . . . The structure, secrecy, methods, propaganda and aims of the Sinarquists—whatever their provocation—run counter both to the outward form and inner spirit of democracy.

HARRISON SALISBURY, UP Correspondent, in an article on The Red Army Goes to Press in current (August) number of Coronet: Probably the most popular of Red Star's writers is Simonov. His series, Days and Nights in Stalingrad, published during the most critical period of the battle, was reprinted in Izvestia and Pravda and republished as a pamphlet which sold many hundred thousand copies. His poem, Await Me, which first appeared in Red Star, is known by heart by almost every Red Army man—as well as their wives and sweethearts. Half a dozen Soviet composers have written music for the verses and even in remote Russian villages the poem is sung to local refrains.

Change the World

ERNEST HEMINGWAY'S first report on the current war has appeared in a recent Collier's. I found it in shocking bad taste, as vulgar as a blurb for Ex-Lax in the middle of a tragic war newscast. But maybe I am prejudiced.

I lost all my faith in Mr. Hemingway's decency after reading that libellous thing he put out against the Spanish Loyalists—"For Whom the Bell Tolls."

Hemingway had fraternized, drunk with, been confided in, and had lived as the comrade in Spain of the Lincoln brigadiers. He had written lyrical tributes to the courage of the Spanish people, had bilistered the sadism and feudal darkness of the Franco gang.

He was with the people and seemed to have learned the score. He understood the choice one must make today between democracy and fascism. He had stared into the reactionary abyss. Hemingway was doing the greatest job a writer can do—he was speaking out as a tribute of the silent masses.

Originally, he wrote the Spanish novel in just that vein. Then the world's political situation suddenly changed. The people's Spain was apparently lost—the fascists had triumphed at Munich.

And Hemingway revised his novel—changed its entire character, put in every filthy scandal and lie he had heard in the fascist bar-rooms and salons of upper-class Europe. He made the Spanish war out to be no war for democracy, but an attempt by Russia to take over Spain. He slandered Andre Marty, he



by Mike Gold

libelled the Spanish peasants and guerrillas, he defiled the proud and beautiful name of La Pasionaria.

IT WAS not that Hemingway had turned to fascism. Oh, no, this was only another smart stroke of literary business. It paid off well, too, with its hot love story. Its Hollywood filming maintained even a stricter neutrality, so that Franco might not bar the picture from fascist Spain.

Yes, opportunism always pays off, yet in turn one loses a little piece of the immortal soul. The recent article in Collier's seems to indicate that Hemingway has lost more of his common humanity than in his Spanish opportunism.

Mr. Hemingway describes his experience on a landing boat that took part in the first invasion of the Normandy beachhead.

D-Day was surely one of the most fateful of all hours in our nation's story. Millions of Americans watched and prayed as our boys fought and died there. But in Hemingway's story it is not America or the GI hero who stands out.

No, dear fans, the huge, hairy figure crowding the foreground is none other than Ernest Hemingway himself. The young soldiers on the landing boat don't know where to land. Hemingway tells them. He had memorized the map, he knew it all. The young commander gets rattled. Hemingway steadies him, tells him exactly how to fight. Before the story ends, Hemingway is in full charge, the man who took the beachhead and won the war. All it needs is a sleeping bag and a girl to make it a standard Hemingway novel.

Hemingway on D-Day: A Slur Against Those who DID Fight

I submit that at an hour like the present, when humanity is trying to snatch its world back from the Nazis, at this moment when millions of simple people are mourning their dead and mutilated young, such posturing as Hemingway's is in shocking bad taste.

This war is not another bullfight. Our American boys are not a subject for word-painters watching their death agonies. This is not a big game hunt in Africa. This is not play. We are fighting for the right of mankind. We are fighting for our children.

And war is hell, and anyone who likes war is a dangerous pervert and should be locked up. The one excuse for making war is that you resist something worse—something like fascism. One will never learn from a single word in Hemingway what the fighting and killing of the anti-Nazi war is all about.

IT IS curious how flat it all seems now, this romantic war correspondent posturing. It went over big in the days of Richard Harding Davis, it became a literary convention that even affected the work of truly great men such as Stephen Crane and John Reed.

But the memoirs of Commando Kelley, the modest, yet tough kid from a Pittsburgh slum, are the authentic voice of this war.

He bopped off 50 Nazis, he stood off an encirclement and saved his pals, he proved a super-hero. Yet never for a moment did he forget his teammates, or his mother at home, or the working boys and girls of his neighborhood. This is no movie hero. Kelley and his like are the real thing, and they fight like solid workers, and not like big game hunters and leisure-class romantics.

Let's Face It

GOVERNOR BRICKER held a press conference the other day in Albany where he made two significant observations.

First, he bluntly revealed GOP campaign strategy when he said that "Sidney Hillman's extreme activities" on behalf of FDR will "force many labor votes over to the Republican ticket." The idea is that by emphasizing CIO support for the President the GOP spokesmen hope to gain AFL votes for their ticket.

They've carried it further, however, as GOP chairman Herbert Brownell, Westbrook Pegler and W. R.

Hearst have on more than one occasion indicated. By linking the CIO Political Action Committee with the Communists, they picture the whole movement of labor and progressives behind FDR as a campaign for seizure of power by labor. The purpose, of course, is to try to frighten non-labor votes away from FDR.

THE second thing Bricker did at his Albany press conference was to welcome blithely the support of Gerald L. K. Smith and all other fascists. Gov. Dewey, incidentally, was present all the time and did nothing to stop him.



by Max Gordon

Bricker, not being very bright, appeared blissfully unaware of the fact that while he was condemning the President for getting the support of such supposedly unsavory characters as Hillman, he was at one and the same time publicly accepting the support of fascists for himself and Dewey.

To the unthinking voter this might sound like six of one and a half dozen of the other; the Democrats charge the Republicans with accepting fascist support and the Republicans charge the Democrats with getting Hillman-Communist support. So he figures they're even.

But it is precisely this difference in the kind of backing gotten by the two tickets that reflects the fundamental clash in policy and emphasizes the fact that the Roosevelt ticket is in the interests of national security while the Dewey-Bricker ticket carries a threat to national security.

On a world scale and in every single country, for example, the labor movement and the Communists are the backbone of the fight against the Axis. The point, perhaps, needs no elaboration here and we doubt whether many Americans are unaware of it after the events in Yugoslavia, France, Italy, China, Greece—say nothing of the role of the Communist-led Soviet Union.

Bricker, Brownell, et al. would have to prove the situation in America to be peculiarly

Bricker Admits Foes Of Nation Flock to GOP

exceptional in order to make anything of their "accusation" that FDR is being supported by the Communists and Hillman. It goes without saying that they can't and won't make the effort.

ON THE other hand, who supports the Axis everywhere? Obviously, the fascists, fifth columnists, anti-Semites of the kind that are being tried now in Washington for sedition and typified by Gerald L. K. Smith. Every one of them supports the Dewey-Bricker ticket.

Bricker's own observations thus condemn his ticket as the one to whom enemies of American security flock, and commend the Democratic ticket as the one around which the firmest fighters against the Axis gather.

Then there is the question of program. Neither the CIO nor the Communists have raised any special "labor" or "Communist" demands. Their separate programs, in common with that of all patriotic organizations, are based on support to the United Nations policy in war and in peace, on an economy of abundance and jobs after the war, etc.

Gerald L. K. Smith's program, like that of Col. Robert R. McCormick and other prominent supporters of the GOP ticket, is quite frankly the opposite. It attacks the unconditional surrender policy, demands an immediate end to the war and is dead set against any idea of international collaboration.

By their friends, ye shall know them.

Bill of Health

MY FRIEND, who is an Army medical officer, was indignant. "The Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill," he said, "means regimentation. It means political control. The Surgeon-General will be a dictator."

It took a long discussion to convince him that what he was saying was untrue, that perhaps he ought to read the bill instead of relying on second hand misrepresentations.

A great many doctors talk the same way. They have been propagandized for many years, week after week, by the Journal of the American Medical Association; recently, they have been subjected to an enormous amount of vicious propaganda released by the National Physicians Committee, the A. M. A. propaganda front. They never hear the other side of the



story.

Do the physicians of this country support the reactionary position of Olin West, Morris Fishbein and the rest of the A. M. A. hierarchy?

At one time my answer would have been in the affirmative. But evidence to the contrary is accumulating.

LITTLE RESPONSE TO NPC

In the first place, the president-elect of the A. M. A., Dr. Herman L. Kretschmer, has found it necessary to make an urgent appeal for doctors' support of the National Physicians Committee.

At the American Medical Association Convention, Dr. Kretschmer said: "I regret the lack of physicians' interest in this committee, as revealed in the report just issued by it."

"This report disclosed that only 6,227 individual physicians made contributions during the past year supporting the committee."

In view of the great flood of

NPC propaganda which has inundated the 180,000 members of the medical profession, the response has been poor indeed.

The second piece of evidence is the survey conducted by the Association of Internes and Medical Students to determine the views of young medical officers, internes, and students on postwar medicine. Over 50 percent of those replying were in favor of group medicine instead of individual practice. The sponsors of the survey did not claim that this was fully representative, however, because of the comparatively small number of replies.

The third and most important item is that the American Medical Association, which upholds the individual private practice of medicine, has now corroborated the figures obtained by the Association of Internes and Medical Students.

The AMA sent a questionnaire on postwar medicine to 3,000 medical

officers in the armed forces. Every 15th name in an alphabetical list was chosen in order to get a representative sample.

The results were startling. Of the 927 medical officers who replied, 53 percent wanted to do group practice after the war. Nor was this limited to the younger men who would be expected to prefer scientific group medicine to the individual medicine their grandfathers practiced. The desire by more than half the medical officers for group practice after the war was found to exist irrespective of age.

The war is having its effect. Army medical practice, which is group practice, well organized, with all the facilities of modern medical science at the physician's disposal, is teaching many thousands of medical officers a great lesson. Let us hope they learn it well enough to discard the reactionary leadership and ideology of the AMA.

Listen Here,



Mr. Editor

Strange Handling of Sedition Trials

Bronx, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

It is strange, and that is all that can be said about it, that the general run of commercial papers have played down the sedition trials. This applies also and particularly to the radio. When they do put a commentator on, like Dr. Frank Kingdon, he leans backward so much that very little if any good is done. I am sure that Dr. Kingdon is not sympathetic in one small way to the seditionist, and yet his broadcast last week tried to be so "fair" it was painful. No wonder we have so much open sedition in America!

ANNA K.

In Cast for 6 Months —But Values 'Daily'

Boston, Mass.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Do you know how much your paper means to some of its readers? Perhaps I can best tell by mentioning my own case. I have been laid up severely for a long time in a cast and confined to the use of crutches for the past six months. This has meant reduced income. And yet, I have felt so strongly the need for the "Daily" that I have sent in a mite, it is true, but nevertheless a contribution. It has been my share, and the incident is mentioned in order to encourage others who are more fortunate than I at the present time to do likewise.

LOUIS HINDEN.

Seamen Fight Discrimination Abroad

Manhattan.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Recently we have read of discrimination against Mr. Constantine because of his color. Implication was made that he was barred from a British hotel because Americans objected to his staying there.

We American seamen, Negro and white, wish to state that we are 100 percent against any discrimination because of race, creed or color, whether it comes from Americans, Britons, or any one else.

Such discrimination can only play into the hands of our common enemies who wish to prolong and weaken our anti-fascist struggle.

Hoping that any misunderstanding will be rectified we wish God-speed to our forward march to victory. Count on us to keep the materials and men pouring in until total victory over the Fascists.

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NORMAN ROTH,

Ship Delegate

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SS. John S. Williams

AL STORICH,

Rec. Secretary.

Ed. Note: This letter, sent to British papers, refers to the case which was happily won by the Negro seaman involved.

R-T for V.

Boston, Mass.

Editor, Daily Worker

I just thought of a slogan for the November elections.

"R-T for V" (Roosevelt-Truman for Victory).

S. F. Y.

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not necessarily of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the freest discussion, please limit letters to 300 words.

Bilmanis Peddles An Alleged Document

Dr. Alfred Bilmanis, self-styled Latvian Minister for a government that ceased to exist four years ago, blew off some more steam Wednesday when he presented to the State Department an alleged document.

from the underground Social-Democratic Party, proposing a postwar confederation of the Baltic nations independent of the Soviet Union.

Three things stand out when reviewing this latest popoff by the Minister without a country. One, Bilmanis didn't bother indicating when he received word from the Social-Democrats in Estonia, nor did their supposed statement contain any signatures.

Secondly, Bilmanis' concern for the Social-Democrats' point of view becomes even more amusing when one remembers that Bilmanis was the envoy here for the Ulmanis dictatorship, which threw the Social-Democrats out of the Latvian public scene from 1934-1940.

And lastly, as a pamphlet entitled "The Baltic Soviet Republics," published earlier this year by the

National Council of Soviet-American Friendship, pointed out:

In Soviet Latvia, "out of the 30 members of the presidium of the Supreme Soviet and the Council of Peoples' Commissars; only seven were originally Communists. Of these, three had been members of the pre-1934 Diet and one was indisputably Latvia's greatest modern writer, Andrejs Upitis. The remaining 23 were prominent bourgeois Democrats, Socialist parliamentarians, journalists, technicians, scientists or army leaders."

The Baltic Riddle, the book summarized by the above-mentioned pamphlet was written by Gregory Melksins, a noted Social-Democrat in Latvia. It proved conclusively that the great majority of the Social-Democratic leadership as well as the rest of Latvia, willingly became a Soviet republic.

Lithuanian Unions Begin New Life in Freed Area

By Wireless to Allied Labor News

MOSCOW, July 27.—Trade unions are already being restored in those areas of Lithuania liberated by the Red Army. Juozas Stimburis, chairman of the Central Council of Lithuanian Trade Unions, reported this week.

These unions cover the metal, railway, agriculture, building, chemical, food, textile, leather, sea and transport industries, as well as workers in state medical, education and art institutions, he said, adding that the CCLTU plans in the near future to restore workers' sanatoriums, clubs and camps destroyed by the Germans.

"The occupationists inflicted losses of 200,000,000 rubles (\$60,000,000) on the trade unions of Lithuania," Stimburis declared.

"During the occupation," he said, "union leaders, forming partisan detachments in the enemy's rear, carried out bold raids against German garrisons, demolished railways and blew up bridges, warehouses and radio stations."

"In Vilna, illegal unions functioned in 90 enterprises. The underground union paper came out regularly."

"The newspaper exposed the

unions' organized by the fascists, headed by the so-called 'Central Bureau of Trade Unions of Lithuania.' Under the guise of insurance, the Germans imposed an additional tax of 10 per cent on the already miserly wages of the workers. Hitlerite stoopigeons got wind of the underground union newspaper, but all attempts to locate and wreck the printing plant failed."

A new trade union sports society, to be known as Zalgiris, after the small town near Grunwald, where the joint forces of the Poles, Lithuanians and Russians smashed the German crusaders in 1410, will be formed in the districts of Lithuania newly liberated by the Red Army, Stimburis said.

Billion Postwar N.Y. Job Plan Seen

ALBANY, July 27 (UP).—A billion dollars postwar construction program is the aim of New York State's Public Works Planning Commission, it was disclosed today.

The commission's second report, issued in the form of an attractive booklet, complete with maps, charts and illustrations, places the potential postwar building total at \$990,000,000.

WHAT'S ON

RATES: What's On notices for the Daily and The Worker are 35c per line (6 words to a line—3 lines minimum.)
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Pan American Council Hails U.S. Stand on Argentina



COL. JUAN PERON
Argentine Vice-President, Minister of War and Minister of Labor

Williamsburg Y Opens Nursery

A modern day nursery for children two to five years old will be opened by the Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association of Williamsburg in its building at 575 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn. Fifty children will be cared for as soon as they are registered.

The entire roof garden area of the "Y" has been altered to conform with the high standards of city health and welfare departments. In addition to 1,700 square feet of interior, more than 2,500 square feet of concrete paved playground have been erected on the roof proper.

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FREQUENT TRAINS FROM GRAND CENTRAL STATION TO PAWLING WITH BUS CONNECTION TO CAMP

The Council for Pan American Democracy, in a telegram to Secretary of State Cordell Hull, yesterday hailed the State Department's strongly worded White Paper on Argentina.

Isolation of the Argentine GOU by the other American nations will be especially helpful to the underground Argentine opposition to Farrell-Peron, the Council said, quoting a letter received from Buenos Aires a few hours before the Hull statement was released here.

"Your policy of action through consultation with the other nations of the hemisphere and on the basis of the supreme requirements of the war against our common fascist enemies is the only road to American unity and victory," the Council told Hull.

"As an organization maintaining close contact with the labor and democratic forces in the other Americas, and particularly with the underground opposition Farrell-Peron in Argentina, we assure you that the action taken on behalf of our government will have wide and whole-hearted support among our neighbors."

"Encouraged and strengthened by the unity of the other Americas and the determination to isolate the GOU, the democratic Argentine people will, we are confident, soon return their great country to the American family of nations and join their efforts with ours in the last mighty battles to win the unconditional surrender of the enemy, the Council's wire to Hull concluded."

Union Maintenance Ordered at UP

The United Press today received a directive order from the National War Labor Board daily newspaper printing and publishing commission at Chicago instructing the news service employees in the United States.

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Boston Officials Push GI Vote

BOSTON, July 27.—City election officials have arranged to simplify soldier vote procedure by opening branch offices in various parts of the city where servicemen's families may register them for a ballot.

The offices were opened on July 26 and will remain open for 20 days, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. There are nine of them in various parts of the city.

Labor, women's and youth organizations are undertaking to educate the people regarding soldier vote procedure and to urge them to see that the men in the armed forces get their ballots. Communist Political Association clubs are canvassing from house-to-house in several parts of the city.

APPLICATIONS SLIM

Only some 31,000 servicemen in the state have thus far applied for ballots out of the more than 500,000 eligible despite the fact that the state measure is a liberal one. The law provides that a relative may make application for a soldier's ballot by appearing in person before the city or town clerk and that the serviceman may apply for himself by writing to the Secretary of State or to his town or city clerk. The branch office system in Boston simplifies the procedure in this city.

Despite the relative simplicity of the law, popular action is necessary to get out the soldier vote and that has been lacking. The activity during the next couple of weeks around the branch offices in Boston should remedy this. Similar activity is needed in other parts of the state.

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Citizens Union Backs Andrews

The Citizens Union yesterday endorsed William T. Andrews, Democrat and dean of Negro legislators, for renomination in the new 12th Assembly District, Harlem. Andrews, already nominated by the American Labor Party, is opposed in the Democratic primaries by Mrs. Ruth Brown Price.

"William T. Andrews, incumbent," the Citizens Union said, "is preferred to Ruth Brown Price. Mr. Andrews is an experienced, conscientious and able legislator who has rendered outstanding public service in the Assembly for many years. He has been a forceful champion of minority rights and the outlawing of child labor. His record richly deserves the renomination which the local organization is seeking to deny him."

Recently Herbert L. Bruce, Democratic leader in the 12th A.D., sought to split Andrews' vote by introducing a candidate with a similar name. Bruce dislikes Andrews allegedly because of his refusal to enter the Democratic primaries against the Rev. Adam Clayton Powell. Supreme Court Justice Bernard Botwin threw out the petitions of the candidate with the similar name—Henry H. Andrews—on the ground that they were "not instituted in good faith."

5 Big Days For Powell, And Marc

CIO unions in New York City declared that their major job between now and next Tuesday is the victory of Congressman Vito Marcantonio and Adam Clayton Powell in all three party primaries for Congress in a call issued to their members.

Congressman Marcantonio, running in the 18th district in Manhattan, faces a stiff fight in the Democratic primary against anti-FDR Rep. Martin Kennedy. He is unopposed in the American Labor Party primary and his GOP opponent is Lt. Robert Palmer, USN.

Powell, the regular Democratic and ALP designee, is fighting also for the Republican nomination against the GOP designee, Sara Pelham Speaks. Mrs. Speaks has entered the Democratic race against Powell, as well.

The CIO call to its members to come out and work for Rep. Marcantonio and Powell describes the former as "labor's strongest voice in Congress," and the latter as an "outstanding spokesman for the Negro people throughout America."

The call asks that canvassers be sent from the union's every afternoon and evening to Marcantonio headquarters at 1484 1st Ave. or at special headquarters set up by various unions. It requests that all union officers, organizers and staffs give at least two evenings for canvassing work for Rep. Marcantonio.

All full time officials and union executive board members are also asked to report to Marcantonio headquarters at 1:30 P. M. on primary day, Aug. 1, and organized groups of unionists working in shops and offices are urged to report immediately after work.

The unions are aiming at 3,000 election workers for the Congressman on Primary Day itself and about 300 each day preceding the primaries.

The call appeals to all union members living in Powell's 22nd district and in all of Harlem to report to Powell headquarters at 132 W. 138th St. every afternoon and evening, and on Primary Day.

In the Marcantonio campaign, unions have been assigned to report on Aug. 1 to one of four headquarters in the district. Members of the CIO Political Action Committee will be on duty at these headquarters, the call says.

Camp Aids ALP Garment Club

Funds totalling \$114.20 to support the work of the American Labor Party Ladies Garment Center Club were raised recently at a dinner at Camp Woodland, N. Y., where Arnold Ames, club executive secretary, was speaker.

The ALP can be a vital factor in keeping New York State in the Roosevelt - Truman column, Ames said. He criticized the action of David Dubinsky, International Ladies Garment Workers Union president, for splitting New York progressive forces by forming an opposition party to the ALP.

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Servicemen must be urged to return applications immediately. The deadline is Sept. 7, the first day on which ballots will be mailed to those who applied.

Dewey Would Undo What State Gained in 20 Years, ALP Charges

The State American Labor Party yesterday announced a 12-point program "to improve the state government" and through its state secretary, Hyman Blumberg, delivered a withering blast at Gov. Dewey for having "failed signally to maintain the democratic pace of the last 20 years."

The American Labor Party's 12-point program urges:

a. The immediate planning and execution of a program designed to meet the problem of industry cutbacks, reconversion and postwar planning and construction.

b. The immediate exercise by legislative grant and administrative support, of the police power of the State to strengthen the enforcement of price, rent and rationing controls.

c. The immediate adoption and execution of a comprehensive program to eliminate racial and religious discrimination or any impairment of the rights and equal opportunities of citizenship by all persons regardless of race, color or creed; such a program to be backed by the full resources and facilities of the State.

The creation of a permanent State Fair Employment Practices Committee or Anti-discrimination

Commission charged with the power and responsibility to achieve the above objectives.

In discussing "Aid to the Returning Veteran," the platform states: To implement the federal program for veterans' assistance, the state should:

1. Provide free hospitalization therapy for the wounded and disabled.

2. Assist more adequately, by financial grant, in the completion of educational and vocational training interrupted by the war.

3. Institute a system of financial loans to stimulate small business activity by veterans.

4. Maintain placement agencies to find jobs for veterans, and

5. Make these agencies sufficiently available throughout various parts of the State, in order to provide ready and convenient access by veterans and their families.

In discussing educational problems the 1944 American Labor Party State Platform urges the considerable expansion of State aid in education to develop the educational program, particularly to provide health and other services for all the children; enrich the curriculum; reduce class sizes; raise salaries of teachers and other school employees

to meet sharply increased costs of living, and end the exploitation of substitute teachers.

HELP TO FARMERS

In discussing the need to help the farmers, the platform proposes:

1. The constant encouragement of genuine farmers' cooperative organizations to cope with the monopolistic practices of the large distributors.

2. More stabilized marketing procedures for all farm produce, particularly milk and milk products, including the establishment of terminal marketing facilities.

3. Provision for financial assistance by the State to farmers to replace obsolete farm machinery.

Attention is called to the need to accelerate low-cost public housing after the war, by revitalization of low-cost public housing, and increasing public funds for land acquisition and launching an immediate construction program.

The American Labor Party Program urges the immediate increase of compensation for civil service workers in line with the sharp rise in living costs, insists on the maintenance of the five-cent subway fare and defends the system of proportional representation for the election of New York City councilmen.

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Film Front

'Casablanca' Voted Best Film
By Soldiers in South Pacific

By David Platt

Today's issue of Variety carries a wonderful letter from the Southwest Pacific, signed by Lynn F. Cowan, Major, Engineers, Overseas M.P. Officer, which I believe answers once and for all the defeatist argument that the armed forces do not like war films.

The letter announces that the soldiers of the South Pacific fighting front have voted Casablanca, a Warner Bros. war film, the best movie of the year. Also that Humphrey Bogart, who has played nothing but serious war roles since Pearl Harbor, has been voted the best actor of the year along with Greer Garson, who created the role of Mrs. Miniver in the popular war movie by that name, as the best actress.

The letter confirms Film Front's oft-repeated assertion—we were almost alone in our opinion—that all the reports of dissatisfaction with war films—reports brought back by returned overseas entertainers and widely publicized by the appeaser press as part of their smear campaign against progressive Hollywood—were based on soldier resentment against BAD war films. The box-office figures of the army and navy film service which are available to everyone, show that the good war films have always been popular in the armed forces.

I jumped for joy when I saw that Casablanca was the No. 1 film of our South Pacific fighting men. And here's something else that will make you stand up and cheer. In awarding first prize to Casablanca, the soldiers of the South Pacific also paid a superb tribute to the Negro natives. Says Major Cowan in his letter to Variety:

"After many hours of discussion it was decided to present a facsimile of the 'Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel of New Guinea,' mounted together with a piece of a Japanese Zero shot down over New Guinea, to the two stars selected by the members of the Fighting Forces.

"To many people of the world outside of New Guinea, the name 'Fuzzy Wuzzy' means very little. To the fighting men they have been called the 'Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels.' They are little black men with holes slashed in their ears and their faces worked by tattoos and with pins in their hair.

"During the days of our great of-

tensive against the Japanese, it was these black bodied men who carried the wounded ever so steady, going slow and careful in bad places along the mountain tracks, through heavy jungles and across deep rivers to safety. Through their knowledge of the island they lead many surprise attack parties on enemy villages, carrying food and equipment to our advanced parties. To these unsung angels it was only fitting that this contest be named in their honor and the stars, Humphrey Bogart and Greer Garson be given a token in their memory."

We can be proud of our fighting men for this inspiring testimonial to our South Pacific allies and angry with our newsreel-men and newspaper correspondents for ignoring the work of the Negro natives in the jungle war against Japan.

The "Fuzzy Wuzzy" souvenir presented to Warner Bros. for producing Casablanca was made by the enlisted men from a shell fired in the Battle of New Guinea. It was mounted with a fragment of a Japanese Zero knocked out of the skies at Arawe, New Britain.

EVERY SOLDIER VOTED

Democratic conditions prevailed throughout the balloting for the best picture. Each Base Section received official ballots from the Overseas Motion Picture Service sub-exchanges. The polling booths were constructed "deep in the jungles, upon the front lines, in isolated areas, along airstrips, in hospitals and every conceivable place." Everyone campaigned for their favorites from "wounded G.I.s in hospitals to fighting troops at the front lines." Ballot boxes were also placed at all important Naval Bases "because Naval units as well as those of the Army are serviced with three pictures per week by the Overseas Motion Picture Service." The voting was very close, says Major Cowan. "After hours of tabulation the Enlisted Men of the Southwest Area selected Casablanca, Humphrey Bogart and Greer Garson as the winners."

After this, will anyone dare say that the armed forces do not want war films? If you come across any such report, take my advice, clip and don't forget. File under "Information Harmful to the war effort."

Another USSR Film Hit

TWO SOLDIERS. Artistic film with Mark Bernes, Boris Andreyev, Vera Sherezhneva, Yanna Zheimo, Maxim Strazhuk, I. Kuznetsov, S. Krilov, Peter Masenko; scenario by Eugene Gabitovich (Stalin Laureate); directed by L. Lukov (Stalin Laureate); music, N. Bogoslovsky; cameraman, A. Ginsburg. Produced at Tashkent Film Studios, USSR

By EUGENE GORDON

Two Soldiers is the story of Red Army men who, though coming from Odessa or Smolensk or the Urals or Saratov, and though—as is the case with Arkady (Mark Bernes)

and Sasha (Boris Andreyev)—estranged because of a girl, learn a comradeship born of battle and sealed in blood. It is, in brief, a simple story of simple people. And it is, incidentally, one of the most touching, one of the loveliest, one of the best photographed films to come from the USSR in a very long time. Its musical score is not only heroic: it is among the best of such scores you are likely to hear anywhere with any movie. The acting is not "acting"; it is living.

Sasha and Arkada, the first from the Urals and the second from Odessa, are machine gunners in the siege of Leningrad. Except for the brief visit into Leningrad, where the buddies meet Tasya, most of the action takes place in a pillbox under attack by the Nazis.

This and other indoor scenes—as well as those taken at night—make it impossible for any reviewer, as many have accustomed themselves to do—to say that the photography is poor. Lighting is perfect; composition is ditto: the photography is and the craftsmanship is artistic. Orson Welles in Citizen Kane did nothing better.

The music is constantly reminiscent of Shostakovich's symphonies of the heroic city. The recording of voices, of battle sounds and of music is unexcelled.

A HUMAN STORY

The film is filled also with touching human bits: the mother on her way to the shelter calling for her child; the old professor of mathematics who, figuring that Leningrad was 30 miles square, knew that, by the law of averages, there was one chance in one million of his being killed by a bomb but who, on learning that the zoo's one elephant had been hit, decided, for the time being, to lay aside the law of averages and take the shelter.

There is also Sasha's and Arkady's calling on Tasya, of whom Sasha has spoken much but who, when she sees the men, does not recognize either. It is from this situation that the film's most beautiful moments arise.

Musicales at Irving

For the week beginning today, the Irving Place Theatre presents Adventure In Music and Mayerling.

Nazi Pillage of Estonian Art

(The author of the following article is a prominent Estonian statesman, Vice Chairman of the Council of People's Commissars of the Estonian Soviet Socialist Republic and People's Commissar of Education.)

By NICOL ANDRESEN

As the downfall of the temporary German rule in Estonia grows more imminent, the Hitlerites are intensifying their campaign of terror against the Estonian people and its intellectuals and are ruthlessly destroying the national wealth of our Republic—primarily her cultural treasures.

I have reliable information showing that the Hitlerites are doing everything possible to rob Estonia of her cultural wealth and to make short shrift of all progressive Estonians who attempt to protest against these ruthless measures. This information was given me by several Estonians who crossed the front and are now in the liberated regions of our Republic of our Republic, and also by guerillas operating in that part of the country still under the heel of the invaders.

Everything of any material value is being shipped to Germany. This applies not only to foodstuffs requisitioned from Estonian farmers or to valuable factory, plant and scientific equipment, but also to such masterpieces of art as the famous Mermaid Statue, work of the distinguished Estonian sculptor Amandus Adamson, in the Tallinn city park.

WHOLESALE ROBBERY

The splendid library of the Historical Museum of Tallinn, which contained over 100,000 volumes dealing mainly with the history of the Baltic States, was partially destroyed by the Germans during the first period of the occupation of Estonia. Recently everything in this library that survived the flames of fascist bonfires was shipped to Germany. The same fate befell the world-famous library of the old Estonian State University in Tartu; all the rarest books were shipped to Germany on the pretext of evacuation. Its 2,000,000 volumes included some rare manuscripts relating to various epochs.

Forty-five thousand exhibits of the ethnographic collection in the Estonian National Museum, as well as the main collections of Estonian folklore and of the history of culture in the Literature Museum, have been looted. The folklore collections comprised 135,000 folk songs, 5,000 dances and games, 107,000 proverbs and sayings, 73,000 riddles and 56,000 tales. We considered Estonian folklore to be completely recorded, although it had been only partially published. This was one of the richest treasures of folk art in the world.

The Germans not only removed all this wealth but forbade the circulation of the national folklore of Estonia. The sole purpose of this was to eradicate all traces of the historical hatred of the Estonian people toward the Germans, a hatred expressed in martial songs, stories and legends, and dating back to those distant times when the forefathers of the modern fascists first encroached upon the lands and wealth of freedom-loving Estonia.

Despicable falsifiers of history, the Germans are trying to wipe

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out all recollection of the dark era of German domination in Estonia. On my desk lies the school program of Nazi-occupied Estonia approved by German pastor Pallon from Koenigsberg. Each section of the program devoted to the history of Estonia endeavors to instill in the minds of school children the idea that past attempts of the Germans to conquer Estonia were merely efforts to "unite Estonia with Germany and the Roman Empire."

It goes without saying that the barbarous destruction and looting of the cultural treasures of our Republic have aroused a storm of protest among the Estonian people.

ESTONIA FIGHTS BACK

Hostility to the occupationists is spreading among all strata of the population. In his recent public speeches Hjalmar Mae, leader of the German occupation authorities, has been complaining of sabotage, spreading of panicky rumors and activation of resistance among the masses. A good illustration of Mae's complaints is what happened at a recent meeting held in Tallinn. Out of thousands of Estonians present only 10 raised their hands to salute the German General Litzmann and his flunkey Mae when they entered the hall.

In the three years of war the hatred of the Estonian people for the Germans has become far

stronger than that which they have carried in their hearts for seven centuries. Those who were able to do so joined the guerilla movement, now spread throughout Estonia. But those who raised their voice in the defense of Estonian culture and were unable to escape the Gestapo have either perished or been jailed.

Shortly after the Stockholm newspaper Morgentidningen reported the arrest by the occupationists of a group of professors of Tartu University, the Germans rounded up another 120 Estonians from prominent fields of art and science. Arrests are continuing to this day.

I do not speak of those who openly expressed their sympathy with the Soviet Union and whom in consequence the Germans consider "Bolsheviks." But Professor Arthur Tooleid Klimann was never a Communist. Why did the Germans execute him? Evidently his crime was similar to that of Professor Peter Tavel, who was thrown into prison for refusing to recognize the German falsification of Estonian history.

Thousands of the best sons of Estonia have perished and are perishing at the hand of the fascist occupationist. Their blood cries aloud for vengeance. The hour of retribution is at hand, and the avenging word of the peoples will descend upon the heads of the Germans.

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Late Bulletins

'States Rights' Worries Dewey

ALBANY, July 27.—The "conflict of authority and responsibility" between federal and state governments is evidently the chief conflict in which America is now engaged, according to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, who announced yesterday that this would be the central problem before the Republican Governors' conference in St. Louis Aug. 2 and 3.

The Republican presidential nominee said he would present a sweeping program before the conference to "bring agreement out of the chaos which has existed between the federal government and the states for 12 years."

There was no indication that the Republican governors would pay any attention to the warnings of Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson and other prominent figures connected with the war effort that there is still heavy fighting ahead and all the nation's energies are still needed for victory.

Gov. Dewey's statement, which contained 15 issues upon which federal and state authorities have allegedly been in conflict, indicated that he considers the ending of the "warfare between the various units of government" of greater importance.

Court Ruling Nips Fish Stooze

NEWBURGH, N. Y.—The decision of the State Appellate Court ruling the name of Dominick G. Cronin off the Democratic primary ballot for Congress in the 29th district prevented a piece of election trickery perpetrated by Rep. Hamilton Fish, according to backers of Augustus W. Bennet, Fish's opponent in the GOP primaries.

Bennet also has the Democratic and American Labor Party congressional nominations and will oppose Fish in the November elections if he is beaten in the Republican contest.

Cronin is considered here a Fish

"stooze" who was planted in the Democratic primaries against Bennet in the hope of blocking a Democratic ALP—anti-Fish Republican coalition behind Bennet in the fall.

His petitions were found defective, however, in the State Supreme Court and were thrown out. The Appellate Court upheld the Supreme Court decision Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Fish and Bennet debated farm issues before 200 farmers in Monticello yesterday. The farmers gave Fish a going over for his opposition to anti-inflation legislation, his opposition to the Farm Security Administration and other farm measures.

Yanks Drive for Key Guam Airport

WASHINGTON, July 27 (UP).—American forces on Guam today were believed within reach of the biggest airdromes in the Marianas, a 4,700 foot field on isolated Orote Peninsula, as two Marine divisions drove toward a quick victory over the Japanese garrison on Tinian, 120 miles north.

A tremendous sea and land bombardment, directed by spotter planes now operating from the Ushi airdrome on the northern tip of Tinian, supported Marines.

Procope Flies to Berlin To Report on U.S. to Nazis

WASHINGTON, July 27.—Hjalmar Procope is probably in Berlin by now, and many men and women in official Washington life must be reminiscing uneasily in offices and cocktail lounges.

Transocean News, the official Nazi agency, was laconic in an announcement yesterday. It simply said that Procope, the former Finnish Minister to the United States, had left Madrid by plane for Berlin.

It did not say how long Procope would stay in Berlin before leaving for Finland. Nor did it say with what officials the man, who was only a few months ago a favorite of Washington society, would confer in the Nazi Capitol.

But it was taken for granted among officials here that he would make a detailed report on conditions in the United States to high-ranking Nazis.

Procope was ordered to leave Washington by the State Department on June 17 because of activities "inimical to the interests of the United States."

When anti-Soviet sentiment was still prevalent in Washington, the dashing Finnish Minister was the most sought after guest in high society in the Capitol.

But his popularity did not diminish

in some circles after the Finnish government helped the Nazi attack on the Soviet Union or even after Pearl Harbor.

Procope continued to be a guest at Friendship, home of Evalyn Walsh McLean, who gained notoriety as the hostess of Washington's Cliveden Set.

Men like Sens. Burton K. Wheeler and Robert Taft, Rep. Martin Dies and John L. Lewis attended intimate dinner parties and breakfasts together with Procope.

There were others who came to Friendship to drink and eat and talk with Procope, men and women who should have known better. Supreme Justices, high ranking admirals and generals, government officials.

Procope was known to have used these occasions to read, in a genteel way, of course, Finnish and Nazi propaganda. That was said to be one of the reasons why the State Department asked him to leave the country.

Maybe there are those in Washington who are now wondering what they said in Procope's presence.

Because Procope is in Berlin today—no doubt reporting to his superiors in the hierarchy of fascism.

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By golly—she made it. This B-26 Marauder, called "By Golly," was badly hit over Europe by enemy fire and it seemed only a miracle could save ship and crew. But Pilot Capt. John West of Sardis, Miss., did it—with a belly-landing on Allied territory in France. All were safe and just take a look at that ship. Standing with "By Golly's" remains are (left to right): Lt. W. C. Budge, Columbus, O.; Lt. D. H. Cramer, Madison, Wis.; Pfc. Joe E. Jones, El Dorado, Ark.; Sgt. Lloyd I. Webb, Lenoir City, Tenn.; Sgt. Harold Zola of Dorchester, Mass.; Sgt. Chester Matanek of Cicero, Ill.; Lt. Fred J. Daoust of Defiance, O.; and Sgt. E. B. Picklesimer of Pikeville, Ky.

The Veteran Commander

PRELIMINARIES IN NORMANDY

IT WOULD be utterly unfair to our hard-fighting troops in Normandy to talk about the current American push in the St. Lo-Periers sector as a "big offensive," a "tank breakthrough" of strategic proportions, a "cracking of the German front." It apparently is nothing of the kind. If we talk about it that way, the letdown will be humiliating, unnecessarily so.

As we have been pointing out for weeks, no decisive offensive in France can be launched until we have a fairly wide front facing in the right direction. After all, we have to go east, don't we? Moving southwest is only maneuvering for the final move eastward.

To make a long story short, we must, while holding the "hinge" of the front at Caen, swing that front into the Caen-Avranches position. This is what American troops are doing right now in the Periers sector. They are having fair success against hard opposition. Countances is their objective. When they reach it, the front will be based on the Bayeux-St. Lo-Countances line, with a forward bastion on the left flank, at Caen. The next thing will be to take Villers, Villedieu and Avranches. Then we will have a front of some 75 miles facing southeast which is more or less where we want to go.

The Germans, having failed in their objective of throwing us out of Normandy, now concentrate on containing us in the Cotentin Peninsula. So far they have succeeded. They will fight hard on the above mentioned line, which "ropes off" the Peninsula. So don't expect big breakthroughs yet. In this connection, it is aggravating to read about foolish officers (and field officers, or majors, lieut.-colonels or colonels, too) who say: "Give our boys their or-

ders and they will keep going straight to Berlin." This is assinine braggadocio, unworthy of a fighting man. The road to Berlin is still very long and very hard.

The British at Caen, holding the "hinge" have had to give ground, having encountered "unexpected German resistance." Here we have another example of chest-thumping: their action two days ago was billed as a "breakthrough to Paris." Nothing came of the breakthrough. Instead we have a tactical retreat. So let us keep quiet until we break out at least into the Lisieux-Argentan-Vire plain. Our troops are doing an indispensable, ungrateful job. Let's not let them down by talking big and foolish. Less civilian chatter, please.

SEVERAL breathtaking things are about to break on the Eastern Front. They might break only six hours after this is written. So we hesitate to say anything at all.

It is most probable that Marshal Rokossovsky will take a crack at the Vistula immediately, somewhere between Demblin and Pulawy, where the eastern bank is higher (strangely enough) than the western bank. The fortresses of Dvinsk, Belostok, Brest-Litovsk, Lvov and Stanislavov are in a bad way, from the German viewpoint, and it is hard to foretell which will go down first. Our guess is: first—Stanislavov, second—Brest-Litovsk, third—Belostok, fourth Lvov and fifth—Dvinsk.

One of the crucial points is the Shauliai direction. If Bagramian can take Shauliai (Shavli) quickly, i.e. within the next two or three days, the German Estonian group is as good as buried.

The capture of Narva which will be followed by a march on Tallin will open the Gulf to the Baltic Fleet, enabling it to interfere with the German evacuation from Estonia and northern Latvia.

The German situation in the East is a mess.

ALLIED armies in Italy are approaching the "Gothic Line" (by the way, this line keeps jumping around on newspaper maps, much as the "Hitler Line" did), but are nowhere nearer than 20 miles from it.

Our advance on Guam and Tinian is developing very well.

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